

## Rare, Threatened, and Endangered (RT&E) Species Documentation

- From Page II-13 of the PY18 VIRGINIA AGRICULTURAL BMP COST-SHARE PROGRAM (VACS) GUIDELINES, under Conservation Plan Requirements: Districts are responsible for completing and retaining the DCR Natural Heritage, Rare, Threatened and Endangered search documentation for acreages affected by the practice(s). This will assure that implementation of publicly funded BMPs will not impact Rare, Threatened, and Endangered (RT&E) species.
- Documentation must be maintained in the case file for the BMP
- If working with NRCS for RT&E review, a copy of the CPA-52 form should be included in the case file.
- If using the AgBMP Tracking Module to satisfy this requirement, follow the *Procedure for Conducting Threatened and Endangered Species Evaluations* using the AgBMP Tracking Module document that can be found in the AgBMP Tracking Module by clicking Support>Threatened & Endangered.
  - If the BMP is part of DCR plan created in the Conservation Planning Module, a *Full CP Report* can be generated from the system and included in the case file as this report includes any RT&E 'hits' for ground disturbing components of BMPs.
  - If the BMP is not part of DCR plan created in the Conservation Planning Module, screen shots from the Components tab in the AgBMP Tracking Module can be placed in the case file. Users can expand the Spatial Information, including the 'Near T&E' spatial query results, by clicking the + icon beside each component.
- Regardless of the method used to identify if there are any RT&E species of concern, if there is a 'hit' the results of a DCR Natural Heritage, Rare, Threatened and Endangered species review should also be included in case file.

\*Note: Cultural Resource reviews still require use of the CPA-52 form or that the project information be sent directly to VA Department of Historic Resources (for a cost) until further notice.